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RUSSIANS HIT NAZI BASES IN DRIVE TO STALL ENEMY

Germans Raise Pitch of Air War Over Russia As Own Plane Losses Mount

London, June 10.—Striking at six key German airdromes on the eastern front Tuesday night, in its campaign to break up preparations for a giant offensive, the Russian Air Force damaged or destroyed between 150 and 160 planes at a cost of 21 of its own craft, the Moscow radio reported today.

Radio Moscow revealed also that the Germans had thrown 70 planes, in three waves, against Volkovo, 80 miles southeast of Leningrad on the Leningrad-Moscow railroad, and said that 24 of them had been downed.

Attacking by daylight Tuesday in a blow at the anchor position of the Russians along the Volkovo river front, the Germans met a wall of anti-aircraft fire and powerful fighter plane resistance. Moscow said, with the result that damage was confined to four homes. Two Russian planes were lost, it was said.

Russian and German reports agreed that the eastern front air war was approaching its crescendo in preparation for the summer campaign.

Germany, reporting a big raid on Oranienbaum, 16 miles west of Leningrad, inadvertently revealed that the Russians now held that strategically important town on the coast opposite Kronstadt fortress and naval base on Kotlin Island, in Kronstadt Bay.

It had long been believed that the Russian line extended only to the vicinity of Peterhof, 12 miles west-southwest of Leningrad and six miles from Oranienbaum.

A Berlin radio broadcast recorded here gave the news, saying that German planes had successfully bombed airdromes and a supply base at Oranienbaum. There had been no previous admission that the Russians even held the town, military quarters said.

In their Tuesday night raids, Radio Moscow said, the Russian planes attacked not only airdromes but adjacent fuel and ammunition stores.

United Press Moscow dispatches had revealed that the Germans were speeding up their offensive preparations in the important Bryansk-Orel sector at the hinge of the southern and central fronts.

The dispatches said that the Russians were concentrating the heaviest weight of their unprecedented raids on this area, in an attempt to disrupt German plans.

Germany in its latest attacks was striking at the Leningrad front, Volkovo, and the Gorki Armament Works 250 miles east of Moscow.

A German broadcast recorded here, complaining that President Roosevelt's stern warning against war was "completely uncalled for," hinted that Germany was preparing to attack Russia on a great scale from the air. There is a surprisingly large German air fleet in Russia, the broadcast said.

Russia's midnight communique, recorded from the Moscow Radio, revealed that the Russians had opened scouting operations on the Finnish front, apparently just north of Leningrad.

In a small but fierce fight, the Russians raided the Finnish lines, killed about 40 men and returned with four machineguns and several tommy guns.

The Russian artillery, stepping up its bombardments on the Leningrad front, destroyed 15 German pillboxes and six dugouts, blew up an ammunition dump, wrecked eight supply trucks and carts and killed upwards of 400 men, Moscow said.

Six observation posts, seven machinegun nests, three field guns and an ammunition dump were destroyed on the Smolensk front by field guns, the midnight communique reported, and about 200 Germans were killed. Scouts captured prisoners and killed up to 30 men in a trench raid, it was added.

The Russian noon communique had reported a German attack in some force in the southern sector in the Kursk salient. The Germans in strength of two battalions, or perhaps 1,600 to 2,000 men, attacked Russian detachments with the support of tanks, the communique said, but were beaten back with the loss of one tank and two companies, or 400 to 500 men killed.

OVER THERE

London, June 10.—A sizeable number of United States soldiers arrived in a British port recently after a fast, successful trip. It was announced early today.

The group included more soldiers than the military government in the United States Air Force, and engineering units.

Swindell-McBride

In an impressive afternoon ceremony on Thursday, June third, at 3:30 o'clock, Miss Estelle McBride and L. H. Swindell, III, of the U. S. Army were united in marriage at the summer home of the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Swindell, on the Pamlico near Washington, N. C. The vows were spoken before the Reverend D. A. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Washington, before an improvised altar decorated with magnolia blooms and lighted cathedral candles in antique silver candelabra.

Nuptial music was rendered by Miss Elizabeth Shelton of Washington, violinist, and by Mrs. Thad. Pope of Dunn, who sang, "Because" and "All For You."

The bride's only attendant was her twin sister, Miss Ludelle McBride of Manchester, Tennessee. She wore a pink crepe afternoon dress with a picture hat and white accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses and gypsophila. Frank Rollins, of the U. S. Army, was best man.

The bride wore a powder blue afternoon dress with white accessories. A white veil fell shoulder length from her flower-fashioned hat. Her shoulder corsage was of white orchids and she carried a prayer book from which the service was read.

Mrs. Swindell received her B. S. and M. A. degrees from the University of Tennessee and for the past two years has been home economics teacher in the Farmville High School.

Sgt. Swindell received his B. S. degree from Wake Forest College. He taught in the Farmville School several months before his induction into the army in November. He is now stationed at Camp Shanks, New York.

Upon arrival, the wedding guests were served fruit punch and immediately following the ceremony, an informal reception was held. The refreshment table was covered with a cut-work cloth and decorated with white flowers. The tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom, and was cut with the silver knife used by the maternal grandmother of the groom at her wedding. Ices, mints, salted pecans and decorated cookies were also served.

Among out of town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hotchkiss and son, Charles, and Mrs. Corinne Stille of Farmville. In addition to the maid of honor, another sister, Miss Evelyn McBride, also of Manchester, Tennessee, attended.

FEED

Dr. E. R. Collins, N. C. State College, advises growers to plant extra acres of soybeans, cowpeas, sorghum and millet because of increased production of livestock and lower quantities of feed.

New Baptist Preacher and Family Arrive

Rev. E. C. Chamblee and Family Entertained At Fellowship Supper Friday Evening

Rev. E. C. Chamblee, who recently accepted a call from the Farmville Baptist Church, arrived last week, accompanied by his wife and son, Jimmie, and are occupying the Baptist Parsonage near the Church. Mr. Chamblee, who has just completed a special course at the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., comes to Farmville from Bradfordville, Ky., where he was pastor of the Church in that city.

Following the usual custom of pouring a new preacher, upon arrival Wednesday, a Welcoming Fellowship Supper was given Friday evening in honor of Rev. Chamblee and family.

Citizens join in extending the Chamblees a most cordial welcome to Farmville.

TYPHOID CLINICS

The Pitt County Health Department will hold free typhoid and dysentery vaccination clinics on Tuesday, June 8-15-22nd, at Lewis' Farm (9:00 A. M.); Farmville—Colored School and White School (10:30 A. M.); Fountain—Colored School and Owen's Store (white)—(11:30 A. M.).

There will be only three clinics. Please be on time. If you have been vaccinated in the past 5 years, only one "shot" is necessary this year.

Flag Week, June 8 to 14

Dedicated to Sell 100 Million Dollars Worth of War Bonds Over and Beyond Normal Purchases for the Week by Pledging Millions of Americans To Save by Sacrifice

Flag Week is observed in normal times through patriotic rallies, parades, pageants and other exercises honoring the birth of our flag which occurred June 14, 1777. This year the American people will pay tribute to our flag and to the unequalled blessings of citizenship which it symbolizes, by buying War Bonds and Stamps.

Established by the Flag Association in 1939, the observance of Flag Week has increased in popularity each year. Last year, Flag Week proclamations were issued by the Governors of 45 States and the Mayors of 812 cities. The President issued a Flag Day proclamation and delivered a Flag Day address to the Nation.

This year, we need to do more than celebrate our flag's birthday. We must show our love of Country by service. It is only by serving that we can hasten the victory for which America's sons are offering and sacrificing their lives.

So that Flag Week cannot fail to be a week of service, it has been dedicated to the War Savings Program. Here is an opportunity to join in serving our Country.

You are urged to "Save By Sacrifice" to forego the purchase of things that you need and place the money, through War Bonds and Stamps out there on the firing line where our flag is being advanced and maintained with such heroic self-sacrifice, as a tribute to our flag and as an expression of gratitude to our armed forces.

Farmville's Part. On Friday evening, block leaders for Farmville's participation in this drive, will meet to make plans for a general canvass of the town on Flag Day, Monday, June 14th, to promote the sale of Bonds and Stamps, here. Give It Your Best.

Let us, during Flag Week, unite in giving the world an exhibition of the true spirit of American patriotism at its height. Let us rally 'round "Old Glory" and put more and more money into War Bonds and Stamps. Let us show our enemies that when our flag is threatened, no task is too difficult, no sacrifice too great for loyal Americans.

Every one is urged to make a personal sacrifice during Flag Week. Each individual will be the best judge of what constitutes that sacrifice. In one case, it might be foregoing the purchase of a dress or a suit. In another case, it might mean spending 10c or 5c a day less for lunches or car fare. In any event, the important thing is to take money that would otherwise be spent and put it into War Bonds during Flag Week.

STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI CLUB MEETS IN SNOW HILL

The Greene County Club of State College Alumni held its second dinner meeting at the Community Building in Snow Hill on Tuesday evening, when H. W. "Pop" Taylor, Alumni Secretary, discussed the part State College is playing in the war program. He brought news of the various other county alumni clubs and also told of the newly established Foundation Fund which is to be used for scholarships and the general good of the college.

J. H. Whitaker, 19, Ayden, president; Robert Eum, 29, Snow Hill, is vice-president; A. J. Harrell, 36, Snow Hill, Secretary and Treasurer; W. R. Burnett, 27, Farmville, Reporter. The following members were also present: Mark C. Lassiter, 10, Camond Keazey, 37, J. W. Grant, 26, James G. Baum, 31, Frank Little, Jr., 42, all of Snow Hill, and P. T. Long, 19, and J. E. Albritton, 98, of Hookerton.

Table decorations of flowers, place cards and favors carried the red and white color scheme and a delicious three course fried chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Rosabelle Chusnut, assisted by Mrs. Mark C. Lassiter.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 1943.

BOY SCOUT SERVICE

Scouts of the Farmville and Walstonburg Troops will attend services in a body at the Farmville Methodist Church on Sunday evening, at 8:00 o'clock.

The program will be under the direction of Douglas L. McGuire, student in the Divinity School of Duke University, who is working with the Walstonburg Scoutmaster, Carl T. Hicks, for several weeks.

All Scouts are urged to attend.

Holders making an average of 3 moves by railroad between Indiana and Wisconsin are being offered a combination for advice covering the Great Lakes coming from Milwaukee, Wis., says.

Knox Says U. S. Not To Scrap Its Navy Again

Warns Axis America Will Win Greatest Victory Known to Man

Annapolis, June 9.—Declaring that the country will not consent to post-war scrapping of its naval strength, Secretary of the Navy Knox today voiced a fresh warning to the Axis that the United States this year would build thousands of landing barges "and you can be sure we know why we are building them."

Knox said American shipyards were turning out six ships a day. Numerical strength of our fleet will be more than doubled this year, he said, and its tonnage will be increased by two-thirds.

America is wide awake, he told approximately 760 midshipmen in an address prepared for delivery at the U. S. Naval Academy's graduation. "You who leave here today are going to get every drop of backing that a resourceful nation can bring out."

"The United States is in this war with a clear conscience. We want nothing from other nations but peace and good will. We sacrificed much to achieve what we hoped was lasting peace. Although a great and growing sea power, we laid our strength upon the block after the last war. We voluntarily scrapped 800,000 tons of the best fighting ships built or building in the illusory hope that in disarmament there was security and peace."

"We realize now what a mistake that was..." Knox continued. "The people of this country do not intend to scrap again the fleet that we are building. You can be sure, there is going to be work for every one of you who looks on the navy as a career—an opportunity, indeed, for you to make a contribution of great and lasting value to your country and your world."

Recalling he had spoken here in 1941 shortly after returning from an inspection trip to Pearl Harbor when "I was much worried," Knox told the largest graduating class in academy history he could speak more confidently today.

"Since last I stood before you, I have seen the miracle of American production step up to full speed ahead," he said. "I have witnessed the revival of the old American 'don't tread on me' spirit—as compelling, as devastating as it was when our forefathers coined the phrase."

Knox, asserting that U. S. industry was turning out the best combat planes in the world, paid tribute to the growing importance of air power.

"As other generations have won and saved the freedom of the seas you must win and save the freedom of the air as well," he told graduates.

"In our fight for a free world—however long and bitter the travail we will win the greatest victory man has ever won. And your generation will be the custodians, with your brothers in arms in other nations, of an expanded freedom in a contracted world. Yours is a great responsibility and a high privilege."

Burned Cylinder Oil Is Good For Painting

Raleigh, June 9.—North Carolina growers have turned to the use of burned cylinder oil and coloring material for painting farm buildings under wartime conditions, the Extension Service at State College reported here yesterday.

Farm Agent Maury Gaston of Gaston County said that farmers in his section find that three pounds of Venetian-red coloring material to one gallon of burned cylinder oil is the right mixture for painting farm out-buildings. He cautioned that the cylinder oil should not have any water in it, or a good painting job could not be done.

He said that Gaston farmers obtain a spreader material from the oil companies for making the coloring material into a paste before the cylinder oil is added. If a spray gun is used for applying the paint, the material is put through a wire screen to remove any trash that would clog the spray gun. If a paint brush is used, this is not necessary.

Gaston reports that some growers use about one-half burned oil and one-half burned cylinder oil, before adding the coloring material, to get a better job on the surface wood, but that most growers feel that the burned oil does not make enough difference to justify the additional expense.

Shipbuilding is the biggest single item in Wisconsin's war contracts, with the cost of submarines to be launched at the Great Lakes coming from Milwaukee, Wis., says.

ITALIAN GARRISON REFUSES TO SURRENDER PANTELLERIA

Persistent, But Uncon- firmed Reports in Lon- don Say Invasion of Pantelleria Is Already Underway; Axis Con- tinues to Try to Boost Morale as Invasion Im- pends

London, June 9.—The Allied ultimatum for unconditional surrender of Pantelleria stirred widespread speculation today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower's forces may have begun invasion of the Italian outpost island in the first landing against the European fortress.

Reports of such operations persisted, although there was no confirmation in official sources in London.

Both Reuters and the British Press Association commentators said an invasion could logically be expected in a few hours if such an ultimatum were rejected, and Reuters tonight said a Rome radio broadcast declared that "overwhelming air and naval forces are besieging the fortress of Pantelleria."

Allied headquarters in North Africa asserted the island would "continue to be subjected to bombing, bombardment and blockade" until it collapsed.

A press association military writer said "there is a possibility that a landing already had been made on Pantelleria, and Reuters said "there seems no reason to doubt that the offensive already has begun in the Mediterranean" with Pantelleria and Lampedusa the initial objectives.

Pantelleria Claims. The British Admiralty earlier punctured Axis claims to have repulsed a heavy blow against Lampedusa, disclosing that operations there had been only reconnaissance in which only two men were lost.

On the eve of the anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war just three years ago tomorrow, Fascist rulers sought to reassure their people, and one Rome broadcast declared that the people were standing firm, possessed of "hard-set resistance and will which can only be measured with the ancient Romans' desperate resistance force when the cry sounded 'Hannibal is before the town gates!'"

In another psychological shot-in-the-arm, a communique broadcast by Rome radio and recorded by the Associated Press declared that the Italian navy had sunk 350 Allied warships and merchantmen in the war, and damaged 7.

As invasion speculation heightened, Fighting French headquarters declared that "throughout France the underground is set for action," and asserted that patriots in Corsica were waiting in the mountains, ready to descend upon Italian troops, reported 60,000 strong, when an Allied landing comes.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Superintendents of the local Vacation Bible Schools report splendid enrollment and attendance, with increases each day.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are conducting their school this week in the Methodist Church with an average of ninety students. The school will close with appropriate exercises to be held on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service in the Methodist Church.

Miss Bettie Joyner is Supervisor and Miss Margaret Lewis and Rev. and Mrs. M. Y. Self, her assistants. Teachers are Mrs. Will Joyner, Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. Hugh Farrior, Mrs. Herman Baker, Mrs. Clifton Corbett, Mrs. John Lewis, Miss Bertha Raye Joyner, Miss Alice Harper Parker, and Mr. Paul Beal. Miss Elizabeth Lang and Mrs. Ed Nash Warren are in charge of the music.

There will be a swim for the students from 6 to 7 on Friday evening to be followed by a picnic supper. All parents are urged to accompany their children to the picnic.

Miss Annie Perkins, superintendent of the Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, reports a splendid school which will continue through next week. All children from four years up and young people are welcome. Miss Perkins is being assisted by Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Chamblee, Mrs. Charles Stevenson, Miss Fannie Gray, Miss Letales Gregory, Mrs. R. L. Manning, Mrs. A. B. Moore, and Mrs. A. J. McKon. Miss Janie Kemp and Miss Margaret Tyson are the pianists.

NORTH CAROLINA ECHO

"North Carolina Echo," Holstein Friesian cow at N. C. State College, has produced 675 pounds of butterfat and 18,164 pounds of milk in 301 days. This is 34 times what the average dairy cow produces.

Victims in the war record but many are not satisfied with it.

WAR IN BRIEF

Allied warplanes, especially American Flying Fortresses, and warships are attacking Italian Pantelleria after the garrison ignored an "unconditional surrender" demand contained in leaflets showered upon the little Mediterranean island.

London reports, persistent, but unconfirmed, says Allied invasion of Pantelleria already under way. British puncture Axis stories about Lampedusa, saying raid merely was small reconnaissance operation.

Russians and Germans continue fierce aerial struggle, with Soviet air force continuing to take heavy toll of Nazi air strength. Russian raids aimed at disruption of Nazi summer offensive plans.

Secretary Knox, speaking to Annapolis graduates, says one of greatest American fleets ever assembled now is gathered in the Pacific and preparing for operations against the Japs.

GAS WARNING

Washington, June 8.—President Roosevelt, saying there are reports the Axis is preparing to use poison gas, warned today that a resort to such "desperate and barbarous" warfare would be followed by the fullest possible retaliation on munition centers, seaports, and other military objectives.

In a statement Mr. Roosevelt said he wanted to make it clear that the United States would regard use of gas against any of the United Nations the same as if it had been committed against this country. He added:

"We promise to any perpetrators of such crimes full and swift retaliation in kind and I feel obliged now to warn the Axis armies and the Axis peoples in Europe and in Asia, that the terrible consequences of any use of these inhuman methods on their part will be brought down swiftly and surely upon their own heads."

It was the third time the President has warned the Axis against use of gas.

AMAZED

Camp Atterbury, Ind., June 9.—Italian prisoners of war at this internment camp were amazed at the speed with which New York City was "rebuilt," it was disclosed today.

The Italians, captured in Africa, had been told by their officers that New York City was bombed and badly damaged.

BLACK MARKET

It is estimated that 25 percent of all cattle slaughtered in the last 3 months has gone into black markets.

Chinese Gain Against Japs

Jap Losses In Men And Equipment Reported Heavy

Chongking, June 9.—Chinese dispatches reported today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces had smashed the Japanese defense line southeast of Hwajung, the key to the Chinese rice-producing region around Lake Tungting in northern Hunan province.

In a sudden attack on the defense of the town north of the lake, the Chinese inflicted more than 200 casualties and captured quantities of equipment, the dispatches said.

In addition, more than 200 Japanese trying to swim to safety across the river flowing near the town were reported drowned.

Other dispatches reported the recapture of three important points, including Shihpao, 50 miles east of Ichang and on the highway to Hanchow, in the northern sector of the upper Yangtze front.

Today's Chinese communique said further heavy casualties had been inflicted on Japanese troops fleeing 175.78 miles below Ichang on the Yangtze. The port was fully occupied by the Chinese Tuesday.

The high command said the annihilation of many forces south of Sungtze, another Yangtze port between Shih and Ichang, was expected soon.

The Chinese were said to be attacking the important Japanese-held city of Yangshan, 75 miles northwest of Hanchow, to have inflicted other losses on the enemy south of Chongking.

A new Japanese thrust south from points west of the Yangtze river in China province was reported halted.

Allied Warplanes And Warships Launch Ter- rific Attack On Island As Italians Ignore Capitulation Demand; British Say Lampedu- sa Raid Merely Recon- naissance Action

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, June 9.—The Allies demanded Pantelleria's unconditional surrender yesterday; and when no reply was received, American Flying Fortresses and British warships rocked the tiny Italian sea outpost with another pre-invasion bombardment.

"The demand for surrender was made to save the garrison and inhabitants unnecessary sufferings," said a special Allied bulletin which made it clear that Pantelleria "will continue to be subjected to bombing, bombardment, and blockade" until it collapses.

Allied planes dropped the Casa Bianca note of "unconditional surrender" over the badly battered island which is a stepping stone to Sicily and the Italian mainland.

When this was ignored, the American air forces raced in to hand the 22-square-mile island another jolt of explosives that left the Italian defenses shattered in smoke.

(London military observers suggested that a land invasion of Pantelleria was imminent, if not already under way, as a natural sequel to the ignored surrender ultimatum.

Rome Broadcast. (A Rome radio broadcast recorded by the British agency Reuters late today said:

"Overwhelming air and naval forces are besieging the fortress of Pantelleria.")

After the Flying Fortress attack, a big force of British cruisers and destroyers moved in close to shore and began pumping hundreds of shells into the isolated volcanic isle.

It was the sixth bombardment there by British warships in 10 days.

"The results were satisfactory," said an Allied communique. "There was a certain amount of retaliatory fire, but our ships suffered neither casualties nor damage."

The surrender demand was signed by Lieut.-Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, American commander of the Allied Northwest African Air Force, and expired at 8 p. m. last night, the Italians said in broadcasts from Rome.

Rome said the ultimatum had been ignored, but did not attempt to minimize Pantelleria's plight. The Allied air assault had reached a "steady rhythm of extreme violence," with the Fascist garrison undergoing "at least 12 daily attacks" in addition to the numerous sea bombardments, the Italians said.

Altogether, the island has been subjected to 140 air attacks in the past month, and naturally much damage has occurred," the Italian broadcasts said.

But the Italian garrison is ready to exact "a very dear price" in any Allied landing attempt, Rome said, and then again recalled the "victorious repulse" of the Allies Sunday night at Lampedusa Island, 20 miles south of Pantelleria.

The Lampedusa venture meanwhile was put into its proper perspective by a British communique issued in Malta. It was disclosed that light naval forces had carried out a "coastal reconnaissance" of that small outpost, suffering no damage, but losing two members of a landing party.

(This was the action which Axis reports on Tuesday had characterized as a repulsed attack by five companies of British commandos.)

A Rome broadcast tonight said Italian planes had scored a hit on one British cruiser yesterday before it reached Pantelleria's coast. Although the ship showed a "heavy list," Rome said, "she started moving again while destroyers made a screen around her."

Lightning fighters collaborated in the Fortress attack on Pantelleria.

MANPOWER

The Agricultural Economics Department of the North Carolina Experiment Station reports that three out of every ten farms have a labor shortage.

GLYCERINE

Glycerine is now banned for use in foods, tobacco, cosmetics and toilet preparations. Medicinal use has been cut to 50 percent of normal, all because of war demands.

GINNERS

North Carolina Ginnies are taking an active part in the war-making and the improvement of roads.